by operators of the younger age groups and by those who report their occupation as farming, (table 12). The 35-to-44 age group accounted for 18 percent of the farm operators reporting age, however, this same age group accounted for almost 21 percent of the operators reporting use of the futures market.

Table 2 shows that partnerships and corporations make a greater use of the futures market than individuals and family farms. As would be expected, full-time operators whose farms are sizeable enough to warrant the extra effort of following the futures market are more likely than operators of smaller farms to make futures a part of their marketing plan.